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To: Members, Multistate Tax Commission

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Subject: Training Program Report

The Commission training program reached 380 participants during the year. This includes 219 participants at six in-person training courses, the 2011 Annual Conference in Whitefish, Montana, and an online seminar on pass-through entities. Details on events from the past year and scheduled for the coming year follow.

### **Courses Offered in 2011-2012**

The following MTC courses were offered during the year:

# Corporate Income Tax

September 19-22, 2011 in Madison, Wisconsin for 33 students April 10-12, 2012 in Charleston, West Virginia for 34 students

### Nexus School

October 26-27, 2011 in Little Rock, Arkansas for 37 students April 25-26, 2012 in Jefferson City, Missouri for 41 students

### Statistical Sampling for Sales and Use Tax Audits

March 26-29, 2012 in Chicago, Illinois for 17 students May 27-31, 2012 in Denver, Colorado for 31 students

# Computer Assisted Audit Training Using Excel and Basic Random Sampling

(Combined course)

August 22-25, 2011 in Albuquerque, New Mexico for 26 students

All participants for these courses were state and local government personnel, except for the statistical sampling course in Chicago, where 2 of the attendees were from the private sector.

In addition, the training program supported the following events:

- Annual Conference in Whitefish, Montana for 80 participants
- Online Seminar -- Pass-Through Entities--Income Tax Implications for the States for 81 participants on May 16, 2012.

### **Courses Schedule for 2012-2013**

The following courses are currently scheduled:

## Corporate Income Tax

October 1-4, 2012, Helena, Montana January 2013, Honolulu, Hawaii (tentative)

### Nexus School

September 19-20, 2012, St. Paul, Minnesota December 11-12, 2012 Salt Lake City, Utah (tentative)

## Statistical Sampling for Sales and Use Tax Audits

August 27-30, 2012, Albuquerque, New Mexico (this course is full) October 1-4, 2012, Chicago, Illinois

We anticipate scheduling additional sessions as interest is expressed by the states. Updates to our schedule as well as registration information can be found at <a href="https://www.mtc.gov">www.mtc.gov</a> or by contacting Antonio Soto at 202-508-3846.

## **NASBA Certification and Continuation Education Credit**

The Commission continues its registration with the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA) as a CPE sponsor. This registration is for "group-live" programs. Accounting boards in 47 states and the District of Columbia recognize NASBA certification for granting of CPE credit for in-person courses. We expect to add registration for live online training courses in the near future. The Commission also certifies attendance for CLE credit at Commission sponsored events.

### **Online Registration**

Online registration for MTC training courses and other Commission events is now using the CVENT event management services. This system also processes credit card payments.

### **Training Fees and Host State Credit**

The Commission has increased in-person per person course fees, to support the cost of the CVENT event management services, in the following amounts:

| Compact / Sovereignty | \$15  |
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| Program               | \$20  |
| Other States          | \$25  |
| Private Sector        | \$25. |

The new fees will be effective for all courses that start after October 4, 2012. This is the first change in fees since 2007-2008 and is consistent with Executive Committee policy that sets training fees at their full estimated average cost per student with additional charges for states that participate to a lesser degree in financing general operations of the Commission.

The Commission provides a host state credit of up to \$3000 for each course. The credit is for support related to the course and applies to tuition for host state students.